

## **VICTIM JUSTICE SECTION**

### **CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING: DEPENDENCY COUNSEL PROGRAM**

#### **Program Description**

The purpose of the Curriculum Development & Training: Dependency Counsel Program is to develop a curriculum and provide training for new dependency counsel to be completed within the first year of attorney child abuse representation.

#### **Eligibility**

The University of San Diego, Children's Advocacy Institute, is the only eligible recipient.

#### **Authorized By**

California State Legislature

#### **Fund Source and Amount**

Federal Child Justice Act (CJA) - \$100,000

#### **Grant Award Period**

January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

#### **Next Competitive/Non Competitive Application Due Date**

November, 2008 Non Competitive

#### **Additional Program Information**

The project provides an expert panel of legal professionals, with expertise in child development, child abuse, family violence, substance abuse, mental health, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), and trial preparation and skills to develop a MCLE Approved Curriculum to fulfill the 20 hours of required attorney training necessary for new dependency counsel to be completed within the first year of child abuse case representation. The project will also provide information on the availability of the training and the techniques used to encourage attendance, anticipate the number of trainings to be provided and minimize costs in order to maximize the number of trainings offered. The project will develop an evaluation tool to include information for evaluating the individual trainings and trainers, as well as the efficacy of the training.

#### **How Do I Get More Information**

This program is administered by the Victim Justice Section, Victim Services Branch of the Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division of OES at (916) 324-7202.